

TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Tippecanoe Room, Tippecanoe County Office Building
20 N 3rd Street, Lafayette, Indiana

Councilmembers present: President Kevin Underwood, John Basham, Barry Richard, Ben Murray, Kathy Vernon, and Lisa Dullum.

Others present: Attorney Doug Masson, Auditor Jennifer Weston, and Recording Secretary Samantha Perez.

Absent: Vice President Jody Hamilton

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Underwood called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Auditor's Financial Report – Jennifer Weston

The 2023 financial statement shows a General Fund beginning net balance of \$4,703,547. There were \$15,645 total requested from the General Fund. There were miscellaneous expenditures paid out totaling \$9,633 leaving \$4,678,268 available for appropriations.

The Revenue Report shows 33.3% of the year complete. Currently 16.9% of the revenue was collected through April. If taxes are disregarded, 42.3 % for the year collected. Cary Home is showing higher per diems which contributes to a higher revenue collected for their user fees.

Auditor Weston referenced the Fund Balance Report and stated the General Fund has fallen below the minimum balance set by Council but is normal this time of year. Also, dormant grant funds have been addressed and show a balance of zero. These funds will eventually drop off the report now that they are closed.

III. Treasurer's Report –Auditor Weston on behalf of Yadira Salazar

The Account Balances and Interest Rates report was distributed and shows account balances of \$188,215,760.26 with total interest of \$526,614.58 for the month of April. The average interest rate was 5.09% on the primary accounts. Staley Credit Union is currently on track with collections and the General Fund is at 60% of projected interest collected.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- None

V. Consent Agenda (Transfers & Renewal Grants)

- Councilmember Murray moved to approve the consent agenda as distributed, second by Councilmember Basham. Motion carried.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2023

B. WIC – WIC Fund 8880

Transfer

\$ 4,500 Salaries/Wages/Part Time to
Operating Supplies/Edu. Materials

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\$ 4,500 *Total Requested*

C. Circuit Court– TAGS VASIA Fund 9631

Grant Appropriation

\$ 74,000 Other Professional Services
\$ 74,000 *Total Requested*

D. Sheriff – SAVE Fund 8154

Grant Appropriation

\$ 13,475 Salaries & Wages/ Overtime
\$ 13,475 *Total Requested*

VI. Additional Appropriations & Other Requests:

A. Superior Court 6 – Judge Morrissey

1. General Fund 1000
Appropriation

\$ 3,134 Dues and Subscriptions
\$ 3,134 *Total Requested*

- Councilmember Dullum moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Murray. Councilmember Dullum stated this is for dues and subscriptions to cover Title 35 books that have not been printed since 2012.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

B. Superior Court 2 – Judge Meyer

1. General Fund 1000
Appropriation

\$ 120,000 Pauper Attorney
\$ 120,000 *Total Requested*

- Councilmember Dullum moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Murray. Councilmember Dullum stated this is an estimate for remainder of the year based on current invoices and caseload.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

C. Superior Court 3 – Judge Graham

1. General Fund 1000
Appropriation

\$ 300,500 Institutional Care
\$ 300,500 *Total Requested*

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Murray. Councilmember Murray stated these funds are needed due to substantially increased costs for secure detention and increased placements in secure detention. Councilmember Vernon added more than 50% of Judge Graham's budget was spent by mid-March. Judge Graham added for over 10 years the budget was appropriate for institutional care but due to the high juvenile case load this year most of the budget has been spent.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

2. Salary Statement – New Position Sup Court 3 & IV-D Court
RPT Court Reporter COMOT V

Board of Commissioners created 3/20/23; reduce 2 Part Time

\$ 39,396 Salary

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the salary statement as presented, second by Councilmember Murray. Councilmember Vernon stated this is reducing two part time positions into one and was approved by the Commissioners.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

D. Coroner – Carrie Costello

1. NNPHI Grant Fund 8440
Grant Appropriation

\$ 5,575	Other Supplies
\$ 3,970	Software
\$ 9,545	<i>Total Requested</i>

- Councilmember Vernon moved to approve the grant appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Murray. Sharon Hutchinson, *Grant Facilitator* on behalf of Coroner Costello, stated this is to purchase supplies or software to build capacity in the jurisdiction that will help facilitate timely and complete overdose mortality data to improve prevention and response.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

E. Highway – Stewart Kline

1. Cumulative Bridge Fund 1135
Appropriation

\$ 300,000	Prof Services/Engineer & Architect
\$ 300,000	<i>Total Requested</i>

- Councilmember Richard moved to approve the appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Basham. Executive Director Kline stated this appropriation is for Bridges 65, 80, 83, and 527 for preliminary engineering expenditures.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

2. Community Crossing Fund 9108
Grant Appropriation

\$ 1,000,000	Roads & Streets
\$ 1,000,000	<i>Total Requested</i>

- Councilmember Richard moved to approve the grant appropriation as presented, second by Councilmember Basham. Executive Director Kline stated the Tippecanoe County Highway Department was awarded a Community Crossing 50/50 matching grant to preform construction work on CR 450S from 450E intersection to a point on CR 500E.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

F. Public Defender – Amy Hutchinson

1. Salary Statement – New Positions

RPT Attorney (2)

Board of Commissioners created 5/01/23; reduce 1 Full Time

\$ 64,786 Salary

- Councilmember Dullum moved to approve the salary statement as presented, second by Councilmember Murray. Chief Public Defender Amy Hutchinson stated the new positions are based on the available applicants.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

G. County Extension – Dee Nicley

1. Salary Statement – Summer Interns

Up to \$14/hour

- Councilmember Murray moved to approve the salary statement as presented, second by Councilmember Vernon. Dee Nicley, *4-H Educator*, requested the Summer Intern hourly rate be increased from \$12 per hour to \$14 per hour to stay competitive with the current job market. The Summer Intern schedule is May 22 through the first week of August.

President Underwood asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Motion carried.

VII. Committee Reports

- None

VIII. Unfinished Business

- None

IX. New Business

- None

X. Commissioner FYI

- Commissioner Brown shared the event Caterpillar Inc, held at the Fairgrounds brought people from around the world and congratulated the staff how they operate and handle large events. Last year, the County Council appropriated \$7 million dollars to the Americus, Buck Creek, Colburn Wastewater Project, and interviews have taken place to hire an engineering firm that will best fit the project.

XI. Public Comment

- None

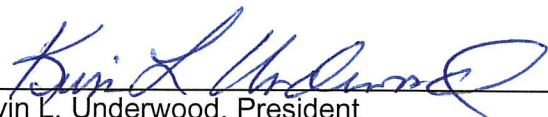
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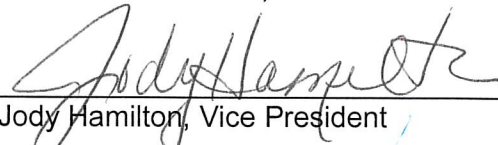
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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

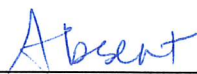
- Councilmember Murray moved to adjourn, second by Councilmember Basham and the President adjourned the meeting.

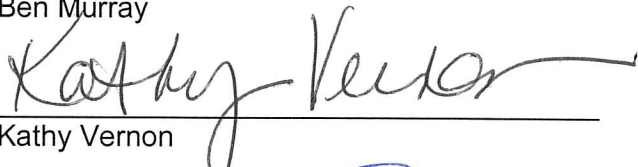
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Kevin L. Underwood, President

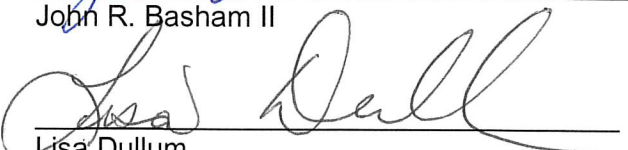

Jody Hamilton, Vice President


Barry Richard


Ben Murray


Kathy Vernon


John R. Basham II


Lisa Dullum

ATTEST:


Jennifer Weston, Auditor 6/13/2023

Minutes prepared by Samantha Perez, Recording Secretary